Trend of crude oil import

Month	Import Quantity (TMT)					
	BY PSU		BY PVT.		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
April	7582	7218	3410	3824	10991	11041
May	7133	6245	3221	3876	10355	10121
June	6889	7138	2888	3463	9777	10601
July	7758	7511	3138	4423	10896	11934
August	6640	7371	3224	3506	9863	10877
Sept.	5859	6724	2867	3540	8726	10264
Oct.	7411	7302	2628	4063	10039	11365
Total	49272	49508	21376	26696	70648	76203

(d) Rise in the import of Crude Oil has been due to higher processing requirements of the Crude Oil refineries during the said period.

Proposal for Sea World at Siddhudurg in Maharashtra

†2460. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether unlike many foreign countries, India too would soon offer the pleasure of watching closely the beautiful spectacle of variegated fishes and underwater blue sea and to this affect, a proposal to set up the first ever 'Sea World' in Siddhudurg for avid watchers of underwater beauty of sea, has been sent to the Centre by Maharashtra Government; and

(b) if so, the cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No proposal for setting up of 'Sea World' in Sindhudurg has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra by the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) Does not arise.

Eco/medical tourism in Rajasthan

2461. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the heels of earlier versions of tourism like Eco-tourism, Medical Tourism, Tea-garden tourism, the State Government of Rajasthan has launched its package of Dacoit tourism to lure averse as visitors to its dacoit infested ravines in Chambal area;

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(b) whether as a part of the Dacoit tourism package, the visitor is offered a meeting with bandits who have laid down arms; and

(c) whether a few tour operators feel the package involved risk because of inhospitable terrains?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) As per information received from Government of Rajasthan, no package of Dacoit Tourism has been launched in the State.

Appeal by foreign countries to their citizens

†2462. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governments of Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand have advised their citizens that they should not go to India for the purpose of tourism;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many travellers have got their reservations cancelled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the dream for 'Incredible India' is going to shatter; and

(d) if so, the steps Government intends to take at international level to avoid it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Travel Advisories have been issued by countries, including Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand, advising their citizens to avoid travel or to take precautions while traveling to areas in the country which are temporarily disturbed.

Following the terrorist attack in Mumbai, there have been some cases of cancellation of visits by foreign tourists to India. The Ministry of Tourism has, however, taken several confidence building measures in order to avoid a negative impact on tourism. Security updates for foreign tourists have been put up on the website of the Ministry. There have been regular interactions with the international travel industry and media through the Indian Missions and India tourism offices overseas and familiarisation tours to India for international travel trade and media representatives have been arranged, to keep them updated on the situation on ground in Mumbai as well as the rest of the country.

Demand for hospitality in tourism sector

2463. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more hotel management institutes in the country to meet the growing demand of trained manpower in the hospitality and tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which these institutes will be set up;

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